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"Let me express in conclusion the profound hope that Providence will guide you all in your labours in the best and truest interests of our Presidency and its people."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Before adjourning for lunch, I have to inform hon. Members that a bust of His Majesty the King-Emperor, which is a gift of the hon. the Raja of Panagal, will be unveiled by His Excellency the Governor at 5 p.m., and all hon. Members are invited to attend. When we meet again the only business is the election of the Deputy President which, I believe, will not take much time. The Council will now adjourn and meet again at quarter to 5 p.m."

The House then adjourned for lunch.

The Council re-assembled at 4-45 p.m.

III

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"With regard to the election of the Deputy President I have received the following nomination proposed by Mr. Krishnan Nayar and seconded by Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar that Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai be elected Deputy President. Since only one person has been proposed for the election I hereby declare that Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai is duly elected Deputy President." (Cheers.)

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I crave leave to congratulate my old and respected friend, Mr. Kesava Pillai, on his having been elected unanimously as Deputy President for the second time. In saying this, I am confident, as was evidenced by the applause, that I am voicing the feelings of the whole House. Mr. Kesava Pillai has been a member of the Legislative Council for about sixteen years. He has been always on the side of the people. He has always been a very hard fighter and he always fought with only clean weapons and never left any wound on the person he attacked. (Laughter.) Let us hope that Mr. Kesava Pillai will live long, elected to successive Legislative Councils and also ultimately earn the coveted appellation—'the father of the Legislative Council'." (Cheers.)

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—"Mr. President, Sir, may I have the pleasure of thanking the House for the great honour they have conferred on me for the second time. I know there are many distinguished hon. Members of this House who would have done justice to the position and who seem to stand aside because I, an old member of the Council, is coveting it. And they have been very generous in standing aside and allowing me to be re-elected again unanimously in this Council. I am conscious of the many shortcomings during the last time and I hope to do better in the future. I crave the indulgence of the House and the support of one and all the hon. Members of this Council in carrying on the duties of the President in his absence and to the satisfaction of the House. With these few words I beg to thank the House most sincerely for the honour they have conferred on me."

5 p.m. The Council then rose for the day to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.